

# APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Volunteers of America of Oklahoma, Inc.

**Applicant ID:** 13SR143234

**Project Name:** RSVP of Muskogee

For the purpose of enhancing our programs by improving the quality and quantity of applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), we are providing specific feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of this application. These comments are not meant to represent a comprehensive assessment; rather the analysis represents those elements that had the greatest bearing on the rating of the application. Please note that this feedback consists of summary comments from more than one reviewer. For this reason, some of the comments may seem to be inconsistent or contradictory. Comments are not representative of all of the information used in the final funding decision.

### Reviewer's Summary Comments:

#### Strengths:

The applicant describes a history of utilizing volunteers in a variety of settings to support community activities that include some services to veterans as well as providing food support to families in need.

The applicant describes both formal and informal strategies and activities for providing volunteer recognition and retention including an annual luncheon, service awards and personal notes.

The applicant presents a budget that is reasonable and related to the project activities.

#### Weaknesses:

The applicant does not fully demonstrate community needs related to their chosen Primary Focus Area and includes data and citations of reports that are national level and not relevant to local condition. Additionally, the local level data that is provided is six years old and does not reflect the current community condition.

The applicant does not describe any ways that volunteers utilize their experience, expertise, talents or skills to support the volunteer stations.

The applicant does not describe any specific strategies for recruiting or utilizing volunteers with physical disabilities or age-related disabilities or anyone that is not English language proficient.